(d) what are the details of the existing guidelines in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the villages earlier covered by many cluster offices including that of Andhra Bank at Kanumuru, Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, were allocated to branches of other banks under service area approach. In a survey conducted by their Hyderabad Regional Office, it was observed that that the cluster office at Kanumuru was encroaching upon the service area of State Bank of India. As such, on the advice of RBI, Andhra Bank had closed the branch in 1991.

(c) The information regarding branch-wise administrative expenditure of banks is not generated by the data reporting system of the RBI.

(d) RBI has reported that there are no specific guidelines for closing of cluster offices.

Representation from agricultural cooperative Societies in Andhra Pradesh

2654. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is considering representation from various Agricultural Co-operative Societies for debt relief to farmers in certain parts of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) the names of Societies in Andhra Pradesh whose appeals are pending before Andhra Bank Presently; and

(c) details of such societies in West Godavari District whose representations are being examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR ABRAR AHMED): (a) Andhra Bank has reported that it is not considering any representation from any Agricultural Cooperative Societies for debt relief to farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Agriculture and Rural Debt Scheme In Andhra Pradesh

2655. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Bank is yet to implement the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme of 1990 fully and properly in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have monitored the way nationalised banks have gone about implementing the Agricultural and Rural Debt Re-relief scheme of 1990 in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Andhra Bank has been made the lead bank for this scheme in some districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) the districts where Andhra Bank is the lead bank for implementation of this debt relief scheme in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of primary agricultural cooperative societies which have already benefitted from debt relief under Anhra Bank in West Godavari district, Krishna district, Guntur district and Visakhapatnam district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (d) Andhra Bank has reported that it has implemented the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990 fully and properly in

all areas icluding the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh. The bank has the lead responsibility for the implementation of the ARDR Scheme in the districts of Srikakulam, East Godavari, West Godavari and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh. The implementation of the ARDR Scheme by public sector commercial banks is being monitored by Reserve Bank of India throughout the country including Andhra Pradesh.

(e) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be aiad on the Table of the House.

बजट प्रस्तुत करने के पश्चात् कीमतों में वृद्धि

2656. **प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्त मंत्री द्वारा बजट प्रस्तुत करने के बाद बाजार में अनेक वस्तुओं की कीमतें और बढ़ गई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो बजट के बाद महंगाई कितनी बढ़ गई है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने महंगाई को कम करने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. अबरार अहमद) : (क) से (ग) थोक मूल्य सूचकांक के लिए आंकड़े अभी तक 26 फरवरी, 1994 को समाप्त होने वाले सप्ताह के लिए उपलब्ध है, अतः स्पष्ट रूप से यह बताना संभव नहीं है कि क्या कीमतें बजट प्रस्तुत करने के बाद बढ़ी है।

तथापि, जैसाकि नीचे दर्शाया गया है, बंबई और दिल्ली में चयनित आवश्यक वस्तुओं के लिए अनुवीक्षित किए गए खुदरा मूल्य किसी ठोस मूल्य परिवर्तनों की ओर संकेत नहीं करते।

(रुपए/किलोग्राम)

वस्तु केन्द्र	बजट के पहले (23.2.94)	बजट के बाद (09.3.94)
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